

Proposed Recommendations to the State QIC

The California State Quality Improvement Council's IOM Quality Chasm Discussion Group, has "translated" key elements of this new paradigm for quality and systems transformation into terms and concepts relevant to California's mental health system and stakeholder concerns.

Building upon that work, the IOM Discussion Group suggests the SQIC adopt the following objectives in its present and future operations:

1. Adopt the proposed Principles, Rules and Aims as a base for State QIC operations of all kinds.
2. Recommend a similar action to the Director of the Department of Mental Health.
3. State QIC members will promote this framework for defining and operationalizing quality within the California mental health system.
4. Using this framework, help to coordinate efforts and decrease fragmentation in quality improvement efforts amongst all stakeholders.
5. Use this framework to organize current measurement and reporting efforts, provide direction for future data collection and measurement and prioritize statewide, regional and local quality improvement efforts.
6. Use this framework to help inform values, goals and strategies for utilizing the President's Mental Health Commission Report in support of system change.
7. Promote the use of the framework for strategic planning.
8. Use this framework to shift the quality paradigm in the public mental health system from quality assurance to quality improvement.
9. Establish a California model of quality-driven systems change that is both scalable and responsive to the diversity of the state, including but not limited to:
 - Geography
 - Race and ethnicity
 - Demography and socioeconomic
 - Systems organization